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PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the adoption of Senator Kime's amendment to 852. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I move that LB 852 be advanced for engrossment.

PRESIDENT: Discussion? All in favor say aye, contrary say nay. Senator Murphy, did you wish to be recognized on this bill?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, I have a question of Senator Lewis if I may.

PRESIDENT: Alright.

SENATOR MURPHY: And I....

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis?

SENATOR MURPHY: No, no, no, no.

PRESIDENT: Oh, the other one.

SENATOR MURPHY: Power-outage Lewis.

PRESIDENT: Yes, I see.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Lewis, under present provisions isn't it possible for the local school board to provide this transportation if they are of a mind to? This is a subject that came up Friday. I don't think I quite got an understanding as to the need for this piece of legislation. At the time it seemed to me someone said it could not be done under our present statute. I wonder if it's just a matter of providing monies under equalization in this instance. There's nothing to preclude a school district from doing what we're asking here is there?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Murphy, first of all as a personal aside I'd like to say to you I saw Mark Twain at the theater Saturday night and he had a great line for you. I just want to repeat it to you. He said "With lightning so cheap how can you still be alive". In answer to your question the answer is yes, the school district may provide any kind of transportation they wish.

SENATOR MURPHY: So then this bill really ... also in this bill is a provision that if they do this they will then be entitled to support under our equalization funding formula, right?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I don't think this would quite qualify as a density factory.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well if they can do it why are we providing that they can do it?